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KTRTA Bulletin

We are your local branch of the BCRTA. We are a non-profit, volunteer-driven association of retired educators enjoying our “awesome years” together! We look forward to experiencing the pleasure of loving, caring, laughing, and sharing as we make meaningful social connections and learn something new at our get-togethers.

Lunch & Learn and Harvest Sharing Table on Friday September 22

Join us for our first **Lunch & Learn** event of the 2023-24 season, where you will be able to enjoy a buffet of sandwiches, salads, veggies, fresh fruits and desserts. Pay \$25.00 by cash or cheque at the door. We will have our traditional **Harvest Sharing Table** for you to bring your excess Fall flowers, herbs, plants, vegetables and fruits to share. Our presentation will be about the **Bright Red Book Bus**. The North Shore Community Centre doors will open at 11:30 AM and lunch will be served at 12:30 PM, followed by the speaker at 1:00 PM. You are welcome to bring a container to take home some leftover buffet items.

KTRTA



September 16, 2023

To register for this month's *Lunch & Learn*, please reply to this email or email us at onlineoffice.ktrta@gmail.com by Tuesday September 19th. Within 24 hours of your lunch reservation, you'll receive a confirmation email. We can't wait to see you there!

Information for the *Lunch & Learn* Events



Who? KTRTA members. We all played a role in education, so we all are connected. You're welcome to bring a friend.

What? It's all about getting together for visiting and learning something new - *Lunch & Learn*! After lunch, we have our presentation.

Where? North Shore Community Centre, 730 Cottonwood Avenue, Kamloops.

When? Fridays, seven times per year (September, October, November, January, February, March, April). The doors open at 11:30 a.m. for socializing and lunch is served at 12:15 p.m. The program begins at 1:00 p.m.

Why? To have some fun and build camaraderie while promoting the interests and welfare of our members.

How? RSVP is required. Email onlineoffice.ktrta@gmail.com to reserve your spot. When you arrive, please proceed to our KTRTA meeting room, purchase your lunch ticket, put on your name tag, choose a seat at a table, and you are ready to mingle!

Cost? Lunch, including dessert, tea and coffee, is \$25.00. You are welcome to bring your lunch, too, and in this case, the price is only \$5.00 for your spot at a table, coffee and tea. Pay by cash or cheque at the door.

Need to Cancel Your Reservation? Please let us know by the Tuesday before the Friday event, if possible.



Sunshine Committee

We always welcome hearing about one of our KTRTA members needing a bit of extra 'sunshine.' Please do not hesitate to let us know because Mary Ellen will send a note of good cheer on behalf of all of us to help brighten their day. Please phone Mary Ellen at 250-372-1762 or email our onlineoffice.ktrta@gmail.com.

KTRTA Executive 2023-24

President - Marney Bethell

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Wellbeing - Sheila Park, Troylana
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Cinnon Teals - Photo Credit: Glenn Greger

The BRIDGE Newsletter

We hope you enjoyed our Spring/Summer issue of *The BRIDGE* newsletter. It's available on our local branch website at ktrta.ca and also at the BCRTA website bcrrta.ca - look for it under the heading *Branches, Kamloops Thompson*. Thanks again to all who contributed articles, poetry and photos; it is an enjoyable read!

We look forward to receiving your contributions for our Fall/Winter 2023-24 issue, which will come out in January. Ideas to consider include local activities, health, gardening, books, travel, hobbies, history, creative writing, adventures, artwork, and photography.

Submit your material and suggestions to Donna Sharpe, Editor, at one of our Lunch & Learn get-togethers or email Donna at *The BRIDGE* Newsletter, via onlineoffice.ktrta@gmail.com.





Message From Ernie Lambert, BCRTA President

BC Teachers' Pension Plan (TPP) is hosting a live retirement health coverage webinar with a benefits expert starting today. (Sorry for the short notice, we just found out about this.) During this free one-hour online event, members will learn more about the retirement health coverage options available to BC TPP members. **In addition, members will have the opportunity to share their feedback in TPP's retirement health coverage survey.**

There are three sessions to choose from:

- September 12 - 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. (Today!)
- September 13 - 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.
- September 14 - 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.

To reserve a spot in one of the upcoming TPP health coverage webinars, please visit tpp.pensionsbc.ca/learn-about-the-current-program on the members' pension plan website.

Can't attend live? A recording of the webinar will be available on the plan website. We encourage all members to watch the webinar before taking the upcoming survey.

Share feedback about retirement health coverage

After watching the webinar, take part in a survey to share feedback on retirement health coverage. The survey opened on September 18, 2023, and will close on October 10, 2023.

Visit tpp.pensionsbc.ca/modernizing-retirement-health-coverage for more information.

Please share this invitation with any other TPP members who might be interested in participating.

For specific questions or details about the webinars or the TPP survey, please contact the TPP directly: 1-866-876-8877.



Message from Pat Petley, KTRT Club President

KTRT Club Report from Pat Petley, President of the Kamloops Thompson Retired Teacher's Club

KTRT Club Executive 2023-24

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Vice President - Sheila Park
Secretary - Suzanne Legault
Treasurer - Sandy Baird
Director TRU Bursaries- Glenda Miles
Director CHES - Marlene Olineck
Member-At-Large - Donna Walsh
Member-At-Large - Chiara Anselmo
Member-At-Large - Donna Sharpe
Member-At-Large - Laurie Dahlgren

We had two KTRT Club meetings in 2022-2023 and we held a silent auction at the March Meeting of the KTRTA. In August 2022, the club recommended the distribution of \$500 each to the Thompson University's Retired Teacher's bursary fund, (which generates two annual KTRTA bursaries), and CHES, Kamloops Immigrant services, (to assist with their work with the Ukrainian resettlement), \$100 to Kamloops Hospice, and \$50 towards the peace walk.

\$1937 was raised this year at the silent auction - this includes cheques written directly to TRU and CHES. Wow! Thank you everyone!

Our Kamloops Retired Teacher's endowment at TRU now totals \$102,323.87. This is a significant milestone for our Kamloops Thompson retired teachers! In 2023, our Kamloops Retired Teacher's endowment will be recognized by Thompson Rivers University in the form of adding Kamloops Thompson Retired Teachers to the TRU President's Club!

Glenda Miles hosted a small dinner so that we could meet one of our bursary students and his family. It was wonderful to meet Caleb Rempel, his wife and son, and to hear Caleb's story.

We passed three motions at the KRT Club AGM in April: Number one. To limit the number of Executive Board Members serving the club to eleven. Number two: To create the position of Past President. Number Three: To request the KTRTA to make a motion at the R. R. Smith Memorial Foundation, AGM in the fall of 2023 to change the R. R. Smith Memorial Foundation's name to the BC Retired Teachers' R. R. Smith Memorial Foundation.

The R. R. Smith Memorial Foundation has recently added \$1000 to our TRU R. R. Smith Memorial Foundation bursary fund. This was in April 2023, perhaps in response to our motion that was brought forward to the R.R. Smith Memorial Foundation at their AGM last Fall.

We currently have over \$1000 on hand which the KTRT Club will recommend for donations to Education students' bursaries and other worthy charities in 2023.



Last April's *Lunch & Learn*

Our last *Lunch & Learn* event for the 2022-23 season took place on April 28, 2023. It was a delightful experience where we had a scrumptious lunch and socialized with fellow members while learning about caring for orchids. Additionally, we held the Annual General Meetings for both the KTRTA and the KTRT Club and many members volunteered to serve members for 2023-24.

Our 2023-24 executive members are planning to host seven *Lunch & Learn* Get-Togethers in 2023-2024 from September - April.

We hope all of our members have had a great summer and we look forward to seeing you in September.



Orchid - Photo Credit: Jim and Mary Lynn Fornelli



BCRTA's Annual Conference

When: September 29, 2023

Where: To be broadcast live via YouTube link available on the BCRTA website on September 2023.

Who: All members are invited to enjoy the wonderful and informative keynote speakers and so much more!



Stay tuned! Mark your calendars! Watch for further details on the BCRTA website.

In Kamloops, we acknowledge that we are located, live, work and play on Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc territory, situated within the unceded ancestral lands of Secwépemc Nation.

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